

CLERK: Amendment number six is on page 122, line 14, strike "may" and strike "endanger", insert "endangers".

SENATOR SIMON: This, again, is exactly the same as what we already passed, the amendment earlier, on amendment number four. It is just being consistent with that. It is the same language exactly.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? The question is the adoption of amendment number six of the consent amendments. Record your vote. Please vote. Record. In the South balcony, leaving us, were 50 sixth and seventh graders from Goodrich Junior High School, here in Lincoln. That is in Senator Maxeys' district. Sorry I didn't get them announced while they were in. In the North balcony we have 70 eighth grade students from Raymond Central School, in Raymond, Nebraska. That is in Senator Warners' district, as well as in Senator Schmits' district. We thank all of you for coming. Number six passed. We're on number seven.

CLERK: Page 123, line 22, strike "warranted" and insert "because of alleged violations of Sections 151 and 152 of this act".

SENATOR SIMON: This amendment clarifies the grounds for investigations of abuse or neglect cases. It also would then be a cross-reference to Sections 151 and 152. I think perhaps, for a better explanation than that, I would yield to Senator DeCamp who might want to explain it further, if it is necessary. It is just a clarifying procedure.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment carries. Senator Warner has asked that the Appropriations Committee be excused again, now that we're done with these consent amendments. We'll try to get through without your help from now on. Thank you very much for coming back to the Chamber.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendments to Article 7 are offered by Senator DeCamp. They are found on page 1057 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I don't think these will be controversial. I'll explain them briefly. You'll remember the Supreme Court has said minor children, of a certain age at least 18 we know, can go ahead and get an abortion without parental consent or basically anything else. What this amendment says is that the parent will not be held guilty of criminal nonsupport if he refuses to pay for that abortion, under the following circumstances--those are.... Anyway the parents would not be held guilty of criminal nonsupport if they did not pay for this abortion if, for example, they had not been consulted, had not been involved in any way in the abortion, or had refused. It is basically that simple and holds them harmless from going to jail for refusing to pay for an abortion. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, did you wish to ask some questions at this point, or after all the amendments are in? Yes.